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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 13, 2008, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application.